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Applicant: CHARLES A. VACANTI, JOSEPH P. VACANTI AND
MARTIN P. VACANTITitle: GUIDED DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF
HYDROGEL-CELL COMPOSITIONS

The prior application is assigned of record to University of Massachusetts, a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 18, 1999 at 9776/0864.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

	<u>Pages</u>
Specification	52
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Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 6 pages.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/658,912, filed on September 11, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/200,033, filed on November 25, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/066,038, filed on April 24, 1998. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

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Applicants claim small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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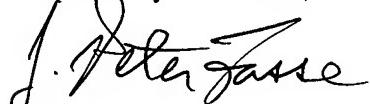
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Enclosures

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